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- NICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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1. SUMMARY: THIS CABLE REPORTS PRELIMINARY THINKING OF ISRAEL, FRG AND UK ON UNIDO ASSISTANCE TO PLO FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND IN DEVELOPING POSITION PAPER FOR PC-X. END SUMMARY.

2. AT OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 26, ISRAELI PERMREP AVIVI DELIVERED TO MISSION A "NON-PAPER" SETTING FORTH LEGAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ACTION IN OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO PLO WITHOUT IDB AUTHORIZATION. AVIVI SAID HE HAD ALSO DELIVERED COPIES OF NON-PAPER TO FRG PERMREP HOFFMANN WITH REQUEST THAT HOFFMANN SEEK REACTION AT GROUP B MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN THE MORNING. TEXT CONFIDENTIAL

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OF NON-PAPER IS IN PARA 5 BELOW.

3. AVIVI SAID HE HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS YET FROM HIS GOVERNMENT AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, HE WILL TAKE VIS-A-VIS UNIDO. IF HE SHOULD CIRCULATE A STATEMENT TO THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, HIS OWN PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO STICK TO

LEGALITIES AND AVOID GOING INTO ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PLO BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO "HELP THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INCLINED TO TURN UNIDO INTO A POLITICAL FORUM". A FURTHER POSSIBILITY, HE SUGGESTED, WAS THAT GOI COULD PREPARE A PAPER FOR DISTRIBUTION WHICH WOULD DESCRIBE IN A FACTUAL WAY WHAT ISRAEL HAD DONE TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT IN THE TERRITORIES CONCERNED.

4. HOFFMANN RAISED QUESTION IN GROUP B AND HANDED OUT COPIES OF ISRAELI NON-PAPER. UK PERMREP SAID THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY LONDON HAD APPROACHED UKG WITH REQUEST TO OPPOSE EX-DIR'S ACTION. UK'S PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT UK HAD NOT OBJECTED IN PRINCIPLE TO DECISION OF 63RD ECOSOC AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO WHAT UNIDO HAD DONE, MAKING CLEAR THAT THIS CARRIED NO IMPLICATIONS REGARDING UK POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF PLO WHICH HAD NOT CHANGED. HOFFMANN SAID BONN HAD NOT ISSUED FINAL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT TENDENCY WAS TO ABSTAIN IF ISSUE CAME TO A VOTE AND EXPLAIN POSITION ALONG SAME LINES AS UK. NO OTHER REPS SPOKE ON SUBJECT.

5. TEXT OF ISRAELI NON-PAPER:

"ON 30 MARCH 1978 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO CIRCULATED A NOTE NO. ID/B/C.3/66 UNDER THE HEADING OF "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" PUR-
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PORTEDLY IN RELIANCE ON RESOLUTIONS 2026(LXI) AND 2100(LXIII) OF ECOSOC.

PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 OF THE AFORESAID NOTE CLEARLY SHOW THAT BY UNDERTAKING THE ACTION DESCRIBED THEREIN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS COMMITTED A FLAGRANT VIOLATION, INTER ALIA, OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2152(XXI) OF 17 NOVEMBER 1966, WHICH IS BINDING ON UNIDO AND ITS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED UN RESOLUTION, WHICH IS THE BASIC DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING UNIDO (AND ITS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD), LAYS DOWN IN ARTICLE 7 THAT IT IS ONLY THE BOARD WHICH SHALL BE EMPOWERED "TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE" ANY ACTIVITIES OF UNIDO, YET IN BLATANT BREACH OF THIS PROVISION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESUMED TO INITIATE THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 OF HIS NOTE.

BY TAKING SUCH UNAUTHORIZED AND ILLEGAL ACTION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS CLEARLY ULTRA VIRES HIS POWERS AND ALSO VIOLATED THE AFORESAID RESOLUTIONS OF ECOSOC."

6. MISSION UNDERSTANDS ISSUE IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN DEPARTMENT. AS STATED IN REFTEL, EARLY INDICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING WOULD BE HELPFUL. LEARY

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